

# GUNMAN TELLS OF THREE EFFORTS TO KILL BAFF

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## GERMANS REPULSE THE FRENCH IN TWO ATTACKS AT VERDUN

### HIRED ASSASSIN TELLS HOW POLICE SCARED HIM OFF WHEN HE TRIED TO MURDER BAFF

#### College Youth on the Stand Gives Startling Account of Plan to Kill Poultryman at Washington Market.

As calmly as though describing a ride to Coney Island, Carmine Di Paola told to-day, in the trial of Giuseppe Aricchiello for the murder of Barnett Baff, the West Washington Market poultryman, how he and another youth went to the market to kill Baff three months before the actual murder occurred, but were frightened away by a policeman.

Baff was shot and killed on Nov. 24, 1914.

Three times, the witness declared, an effort was made to end Baff's life before it was finally successful.

Di Paola, who was arrested in the round-up of gunmen accused of the Baff killing, was called as a witness for the State late this afternoon. He is a fat, good-natured looking youth between twenty and twenty-one years old, a public school graduate, the son of a well-to-do undertaker in the Bronx and possessing the educational advantage of a year and a half at Fordham College. Di Paola in beginning his testimony said he got into bad company and early in August became acquainted with Joe and Antonio Zaffarone, who kept a saloon at No. 2415 Belmont Avenue, the Bronx. "Carmillo Russo," said Di Paola, "introduced me to the Zaffarones. The first thing Carmillo and I did for the Zaffarones was to steal an orange from a stable in the Bronx. They told us to steal an orange, but we got the wrong horse. All right, they said, it showed we could do something, and they introduced us to Hypolito Greco, who had a stable at No. 234 East One Hundred and Eighth Street.

Greco is now dead. He was murdered because of a dispute over the division of the money paid for the murder of Baff. His place in East One Hundred and Eighth Street was the headquarters of a gang of gunmen.

"Well," Di Paola went on, "after we met Greco, Joe Zaffarone told me he knew a fellow who wanted a man killed, and would pay for it. He said the man was Greco. Greco told us he would give us \$200 apiece for the job and keep \$100 for himself."

Di Paola said that about Aug. 26, 1914, he went with Russo, known as Charlie Ross, and Joe Zaffarone to Greco's place and Greco gave them \$30 apiece. Then he—Di Paola—Russo, Greco and Joe Zaffarone rode downtown on the subway, crossed Fourteenth Street to Tenth Avenue and stopped in a saloon where Zaffarone told the details of the plot.

"Joe told us," said Di Paola placidly, "that we were to kill a man who was ruining everybody's business. He showed us an alley where we were to throw our guns after the shooting, and then he and Greco took us down to the market and showed us Mr. Baff at his desk in his store. Then Joe and Greco went back to the saloon at Tenth Avenue and Fourteenth Street.

"Russo and I went into a restaurant across the street and loomed around looking across at Mr. Baff. After a while Mr. Baff got up and came outside.

"We went outside, too, and Russo went up the middle of the street. A cop hollered to him what was he doing. There were several cops

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### VILLA'S CHIEF AIDE WANTS TO GIVE UP HIS ARMY OF 2,000

Reyes Offers to Surrender as Fleeing Bandit Dashes to Join Him in South.

MORE MEN TO PERSHING.

Sent Two Days Ago to Strengthen Line — Villa Below Chihuahua City.

TORREON, Mexico, April 4.—Gen. Canuto Reyes, commanding the Villa forces in this locality, has sent a letter to Gen. Trevino, Carranza commander, offering to surrender with all his forces if given amnesty. This information was given out to-day by Gen. Trevino.

Carranza authorities here say that the surrender of Reyes would break organized resistance to the de facto Government and end the hopes of Villa. There is a disposition, however, to accept his offer conservatively, as it was declared that six weeks will be necessary for Gen. Reyes to notify all his followers and there is a possibility that this may be a ruse to gain time for Villa.

It has been frequently reported that Villa was making his way to the north of Torreon in order to effect a junction with Reyes.

In the letter to Gen. Trevino, Reyes says he deprecates the useless continuance of a bloody and hopeless struggle.

In answer Gen. Trevino said to-day that he was preparing proclamations which would be distributed broadcast, allowing all bandits ten days to give up their horses and saddles. He says that he is confident that because of their knowledge of his just treatment to those who surrendered in the Chihuahua campaign, the followers of Villa will respond readily.

Gen. Reyes is the recognized chief of all the small bands operating in the Laguna and Durango districts, including those of Contreras and Hilario Rodriguez. His immediate force is said to consist of 2,000 men.

VILLA IS FAR SOUTH; MORE TROOPS SENT TO HOLD LONG LINE.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 4.—Official admission of the belief that Francisco Villa has fled far beyond the American forces, and is now operating south of Chihuahua City, was made at Gen. Funston's headquarters to-day.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Private advices seem to show that Villa has definitely been located south of Chihuahua City, and at once turned over to the War Department for transmission to Gen. Pershing.

Gen. Funston advised the War Department to-day that he had sent more troops into Mexico from Columbus to protect the line of communication with Gen. Pershing. He did not state whether additional troops had been sent forward to the military base.

The army censorship veiled the number and personnel of additional troops which have been sent to Gen. Pershing. Major Gen. Scott, Chief of Staff, said the extra troops had left Columbus two days ago, but no word of movement had been allowed to leak out.

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### MRS. WAITE ASKS DIVORCE; NAMES MRS. HORTON AS CO-RESPONDENT IN CASE

Accuses Husband as Murderer, Says He Treated Her Cruelly and Plotted Her Death.

WED HER BY FRAUD.

Mrs. Horton Silent on Allegation Against Her, but Husband Says "No Reply."

(Special to The Evening World.)

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 4.—Mrs. Clara Louise Peck Waite, wife of Arthur Warren Waite, the former Grand Rapids dentist under indictment in New York charged with the murder of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Peck of this city, father and mother of Mrs. Waite, to-day filed suit for divorce in the Superior Court here. She names Mrs. Margaret Horton, the other woman in the case, as co-respondent.

In her bill of complaint Mrs. Waite charges that her husband gained her consent to marriage by fraud; that he treated her with extreme cruelty after marriage; plotted to murder her father and mother and did accomplish those crimes and intended to kill his wife and other members of her family. It is also charged that Dr. Waite had "unlawful relations with a Mrs. Margaret Horton" and other "persons unknown to the plaintiff."

When Mrs. Margaret Horton was informed that she had been mentioned in the suit for divorce brought by Mrs. Clara Waite, she replied: "I am not interested. I have nothing to say beyond that."

Her husband, Harry Mack Horton, with her at the time, said that no reply would be made to the allegation.

CHECK FOR \$70,000,000.

Largest Ever Drawn Is for Canadian Bonds.

There was paid through the Clearing House to-day the largest single check ever drawn. It was for an amount in excess of \$70,000,000 and was made by J. P. Morgan & Co. on the National Bank of Commerce in connection with the \$75,000,000 bond issue of the Canadian Government.

This transaction will occasion some temporary heavy financing among banks. Syndicates have not due until Friday this means that syndicate bankers will be standing in the breach for five days.

It is understood that no part of the loan has as yet been transferred to Canada, although this will doubtless be done shortly. Until the transfer takes place there should be no disturbance in the money market. In the mean time, however, the necessary financing is being done temporarily through loans to money.

It's An Easy Matter

to give voluntary advice, but most persons are chary about accepting it. Successful business men are not eager to make known their ideas and measures which at great cost to themselves in time, energy and money they have found will bring them the greatest results. Recognizing this principle of reserve, there is a general disposition to imitate and follow along the lines used by successful men and business institutions. This in a measure explains the pre-eminence of The World as an advertising medium. Successful advertisers have used The World for years. New advertisers have followed suit and prospered. In planning an advertising campaign, remember The World carries your advertisement into 100,000 more city homes than does any other morning newspaper.

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### FOURTH AIR RAID IN FOUR DAYS ON BRITISH COAST

Berlin Reports Bombs Were Thrown Last Night at Great Yarmouth.

LONDON KEPT SILENT.

No Mention of Raid Until Berlin Reported It; Then Said No Damage.

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville, L. I.), April 4.—Zeppelins made another raid on the southeast coast of England last night, throwing explosive bombs down upon the fortifications of Great Yarmouth. The Admiralty announced this afternoon. The Zeppelins returned safely, though heavily shelled.

LONDON, April 4.—No damage was caused by last night's Zeppelin raid, it was announced officially to-day, and there were no casualties.

The above report from London was not sent out until after Berlin reported the raid.

### TRIED TO KILL CZAR FOR WRECK IS REPORT

Berlin Agency Says Trainman Received Reward for Vigilance.

BERLIN (by wireless to Sayville), April 4.—What is believed to have been an attempt on the life of Emperor Nicholas is reported by the Overseas News Agency.

"Petrograd reports officially that a railroad watchman named Orlov received a donation from the Emperor," the news agency says. "Orlov is the watchman who noticed that the track was damaged and gave warning to the Emperor's train."

"It is supposed an attempt on the life of the Emperor was planned and that it was frustrated at the eleventh hour by the watchman's discovery."

### PROTEST THE SINKING OF HOSPITAL STEAMER

Russia Calls On United States to Take Up Case of the Portugal.

PETROGRAD, via London, April 4.—A formal note has been sent by the Russian Government to all the neutral governments, protesting against the destruction of the Russian hospital ship Portugal. The protest declares the Portugal was stopped for the purpose of pumping out water which was hindering progress.

"At this moment," it is declared, "a submarine approached the stationary ship, circled around her and suddenly fired two torpedoes from a distance of about fifty metres."

"One of the torpedoes missed, but the other exploded in the engine room of the vessel, which sank at once. A Russian torpedo boat, which happened to be in the neighborhood, was able to save 18 persons out of the 272 aboard. All the others, including 14 ladies of the Red Cross, 50 doctors and male and female nurses, Russian sailors and 29 French, perished."

"The circumstances under which the attack was made exclude all possibility of a mistake having been made by the submarine. It was a deliberate attack."

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Get strength from Father Joe's Medicine.—Adm.

### GERMANS TAKE EIGHT GUNS, FOIL THE FRENCH IN DRIVE TO REGAIN LOST POSITIONS

Berlin War Office Claims the Defeat of Assaults Southwest of Douaumont and in the Caillette Wood; Capture Nearly 800 Men.

LINE WEST OF MEUSE IS NOW IN GRAVE PERIL.

BERLIN, April 4.—French attempts to recapture positions taken by the Germans south and southwest of Douaumont were repulsed, the War Office announced this afternoon.

In the Caillette wood, between Douaumont and Vaux, the French were thrown back in an unsuccessful attack, the Germans taking 764 prisoners and eight machine guns.

(The above official claim of the Germans is in direct contradiction of the report given out to-day by the French War Office, which said there was artillery fighting last night west of the Meuse, and that east of the river "the night passed relatively quiet.")

Following is the text of the report given out by the German War Office:

"In the region of the fortress of Douaumont our troops after bitter fighting captured, on April 2, some strong French defense positions southwest and south of the fortress and in Caillette Wood. They repulsed from the captured positions all the enemy's counterattacks, which continued into the night. Employing exceedingly strong forces and at the cost of heavy sacrifices, the French repeatedly and fruitlessly stormed the defense positions which they had lost in Caillette Wood."

"During our attacks on April 2 we captured in unrounded prisoners 19 officers and 745 men and 8 machine guns."

### War Will Last Till Mar. 31, 1917, Commons Is Told

LONDON, April 4.—In introducing the new budget in Commons this afternoon, Chancellor of the Exchequer McKenna said he assumed the war would last at least "the entire financial year."

"The financial year does not end until March 31, 1917. The budget calls for about \$25,000,000 daily. The British indebtedness is \$11,700,000,000, an increase of \$8,000,000,000 since the war began. The expenditures this year will be \$9,125,000,000."

### ARTILLERY BATTLE WEST OF MEUSE RIVER REPORTED BY PARIS

PARIS, April 4.—Following is the text of the War Office report:

"In the Argonne district we have bombarded certain of the German organizations, particularly in the region of Montfaucon and Malancourt."

"To the west of the River Meuse there has been artillery fighting of considerable violence along the front from Avocourt as far as Malancourt. East of the Meuse the night passed relatively quiet."

"The Germans have made no attack against the front between Douaumont and Vaux re-established by our counter-attacks of yesterday. French batteries have been particularly active in firing upon enemy positions in this region. The enemy has responded but feebly."

"East of the Forest of Le Pretre a strong reconnaissance by the enemy has been dispersed by our fire. In Alsace French batteries were successful in shelling a German supply train on the highway between Thann and Muelhausen."

LONDON, April 4.—French troops holding the fortified village of Bethincourt, ten miles northwest of Verdun, are three-fourths surrounded by the Germans and under terrible bombardment from German artillery. It

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MARGARET HORTON...

### RACING

#### RESULTS AT BOWIE.

FIRST RACE—Selling, four-year-olds and up, five and a half furlongs.—Viley, 109, (Clemens), straight, \$5.00, place \$2.50, show \$1.25, first: Bobbie Boyer, 109 (Fitchman), place \$2.50, show \$1.25, second: Amos, 114, (J. McGaughey), show \$2.50, third: Time, 1:08. Devil Fish, Hydroplane, Ada Anne, Mendicks, Mollie Keen, Fred Johnson also ran.

#### ENTRIES FOR BOWIE.

RACE TRACK, BOWIE, Md., April 4.—The entries for to-morrow's races are as follows: FIFTH RACE—Selling, four-year-olds and up, five and a half furlongs.—Paymaster, 110, (Fitchman), straight, \$5.00, place \$2.50, show \$1.25, first: Bobbie Boyer, 109 (Fitchman), place \$2.50, show \$1.25, second: Amos, 114, (J. McGaughey), show \$2.50, third: Time, 1:08. Devil Fish, Hydroplane, Ada Anne, Mendicks, Mollie Keen, Fred Johnson also ran.

#### NOT YET SICK OF WAR, DECLARES COUNT TISZA

LONDON, April 4.—Count Stephen Tisza, the Hungarian Premier, is quoted in dispatches from Budapest, according to the Exchange Telegraph Company's correspondent at Amsterdam, as stating in an interview that Austria-Hungary is not willing to secure new territory in Europe, but merely is united with Germany in a struggle until a fair and satisfactory settlement is reached.